



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

A-24

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: 8/14/2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Director, P.E.  
Director(s) Public Works Department, x3010

Contact Info: Mark A. Schleich, P.E.  
Deputy Director, x3600

**SUBJECT:** Phase 3 Recycled Water Distribution Project, Fourth Supervisorial District

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

- A. That the Board of Supervisors find pursuant to Government Code Section 51292 (a),(b) that:
1. The location of a proposed recycled water pump station is not based primarily on a consideration of the lower cost of acquiring land in an agricultural preserve, and;
  2. There is no other land within or outside the preserve on which it is reasonably feasible to locate the proposed recycled water pump station.
- B. Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5), in that it is a government administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

The Laguna County Sanitation District discharges recycled water by distribution to user sites for beneficial uses. The phase 3 recycled water distribution project involves the installation of pipeline and appurtenances including the placement of a booster pump station on property located in a Williamson Act agricultural preserve. The placement of a public improvement on land located in an agricultural preserve requires the public agency to make certain findings required by the California Department of

Conservation pursuant Government Code Section 51290 et seq. These findings are related to the cost and feasibility of locating the public improvement. This action will comply with these code requirements.

**Background:**

The Laguna County Sanitation District delivers recycled water to customers as a means of discharge via distribution to offsite users and the phase 3 recycled water distribution project consists of the extension of an existing recycled water pipeline. The proposed extension is approximately 8 miles in length beginning in the Santa Maria Public Airport District area and extending southerly through Orcutt and along Graciosa Road. The project includes two booster pump stations, one of which will be located on district property while the other will be located on a small parcel along Graciosa Road currently located in a Williamson Act agricultural preserve. The project will primarily serve Santa Maria Energy's Orcutt Hill operation but is intended to provide water to the airport's proposed business park development, as well as other sites along the way. All costs for the project are borne by Santa Maria Energy as addressed in Amendment No. 2 to the recycled water use agreement approved by the Board on March 3, 2009 (File 09-00176) between the Laguna County Sanitation District and Santa Maria Energy.

The parcel to be acquired for the pump station that is the subject of this is action is a small (0.22 acre) piece of land located on APN 101-020-070 along and adjacent to Graciosa Road. The parent parcel is 644 acres in size and is currently enrolled in the agricultural preserve program under contract number 11AGP-00000-00012. The acquisition of the parcel as well as the modification to the Williamson Act contract will be addressed at a later date by separate actions. This action addresses the requirement by the California Department of Conservation under Government Code Section 51290 et seq. to make certain findings related to locating public improvements in, and the acquisition of, land located in an agricultural preserve.

**Performance Measure:**

This action will provide for discharge of recycled water produced at the Laguna County Sanitation District wastewater reclamation plant.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this action. Upon acceptance of the facilities the district will become responsible for operation and maintenance of the new pump station. However, these costs will be minimal and will be recouped by the sale of recycled water to users.

**Staffing Impacts:**

There are no staffing impacts related to this action.

**Special Instructions:**

Request the Clerk of the Board to distribute the certified minute order of this action to:

1. Public Works - Laguna County Sanitation District office, Attn: Martin Wilder
2. Public Works - Real Property office, Attn: Jeff Havlik

**Attachments:**

None

**Authored by:**

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Jeff Havlik - Real Property Agent

